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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**under C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Sir:

For replying to the Office action dated September 20, 2006 in the patent application identified above, Applicant(s) hereby requests an extension of time of one three months, from December 20, 2006 to March 20, 2007.

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Respectfully submitted,

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